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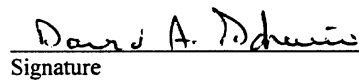
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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Purpose of the PPG DBC 4185 Conventional Air Spray Gun Baseline - Testing and Quality Assurance Project Plan**

The primary purpose of this document is to establish the Testing and Quality Assurance Project Plan (TQAPP) for the PPG DBC 4185 Conventional Air Spray Gun Baseline. The format and guidelines for this TQAPP were established by the Environmental Technology Verification Coatings and Coating Equipment Program (ETV CCEP) HVLP Coating Equipment - Generic Testing and Quality Assurance Protocol, to which reference will be made frequently throughout this document as the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

This ETV CCEP TQAPP will establish specific data quality requirements for all technical parties involved in the verification of HVLP coating equipment. All ETV CCEP TQAPPs will follow the format described below to facilitate independent reviews of Project Plans and test results, and to provide a standard platform of understanding for stakeholders and participants.

### **1.2 Quality Assurance Category for the ETV CCEP**

Projects conducted under the auspices of the ETV CCEP will meet or exceed the requirements of the American National Standards Institute/American Society for Quality Control, Specifications and Guidelines for Quality Systems for Environmental Data Collection and Environmental Technology Programs, ANSI/ASQC E-4 (1994) standard. All ETV CCEP HVLP Coating Equipment TQAPPs will be adapted from this standard and the ETV Program Quality Management Plan (QMP). The TQAPPs will contain sufficient detail to ensure that measurements are appropriate for achieving project objectives, that data quality is known, and that the data are legally defensible and reproducible.

### **1.3 Logic and Organization of the Conventional Air Spray Gun TQAPP**

This TQAPP follows the sections outlined in the ANSI/ASQC E-4 standard. As such, this TQAPP identifies processes to be used, test and quality objectives, measurements to be made, data quality requirements and indicators, and procedures for the recording, reviewing and reporting of data.

The major technical sections to be discussed in this TQAPP are as follows:

- Project Description
- Project Organization and Responsibilities
- Quality Assurance (QA) Objectives
- Site Selection and Sampling Procedures
- Analytical Procedures and Calibration
- Data Reduction, Validation and Reporting
- Internal Quality Control Checks
- Performance and System Audits
- Calculation of Data Quality Indicators
- Corrective Action
- Quality Control Reports to Management
- References
- Appendices

#### **1.4 Formatting**

In addition to the technical content, this TQAPP also contains standard formatting elements required by the ANSI/ASQC E-4 standard and *CTC* deliverables (see Section 1.4 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol).

#### **1.5 Approval Form**

Key ETV CCEP personnel will indicate their agreement and common understanding of the project objectives and requirements by signing the TQAPP Approval Form for each piece of equipment tested. Acknowledgment by each key person indicates commitment toward implementation of the plan (see Figure 1 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol for the template of the Approval Form).



## **2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

### **2.1 General Overview**

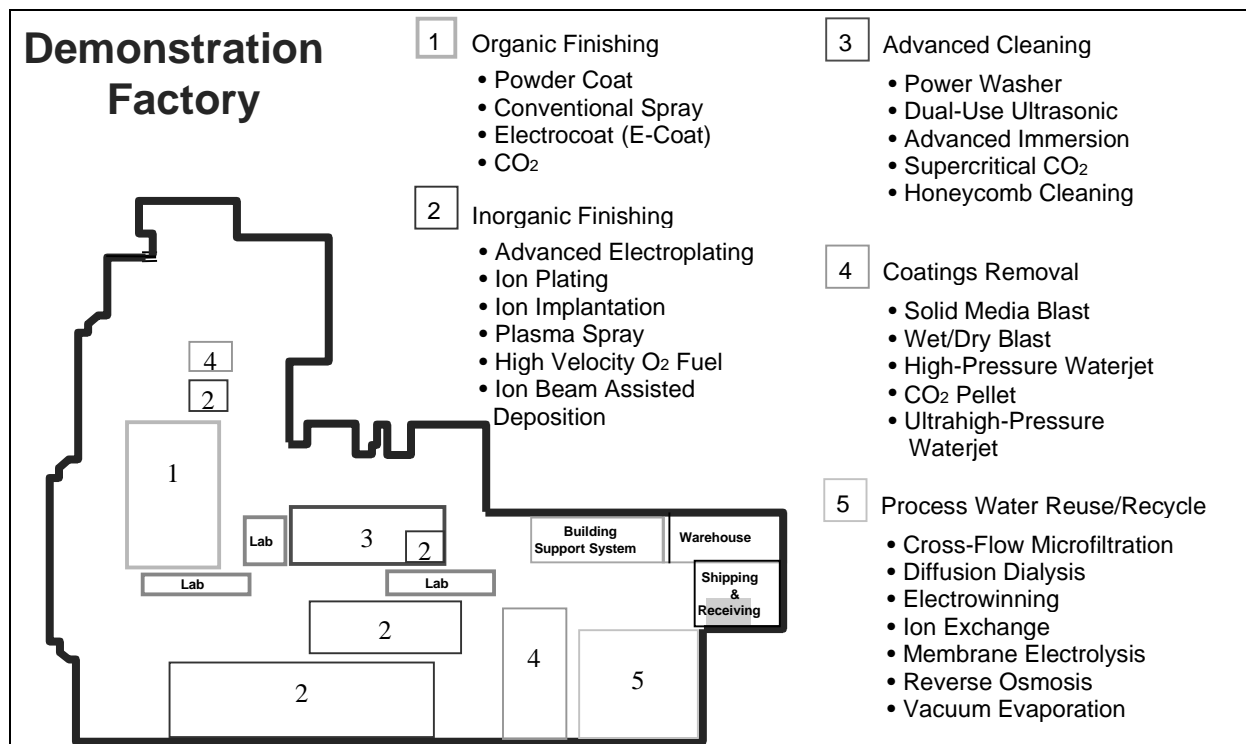
The overall objective of the ETV CCEP is to verify performance and pollution prevention characteristics of coating technologies and make the results of the testing available to prospective coating technology users. The objective of this particular TQAPP is to establish the performance and a transfer efficiency (TE) baseline of conventional air spray (CAS) using PPG's DBC-4185 basecoat. The test data from these tests will be compiled and a report will be developed as a U. S. EPA document.

Transfer efficiency (TE) will be the primary criteria for verifying the performance of HVLP coating equipment in terms of pollution prevention. As the TE increases, less coating material is needed, reducing the solvent emissions and the amount of paint solids that are released into the environment. Therefore, coating equipment that is capable of achieving a higher TE is able to provide a means of pollution prevention to the end-users.

The testing of the CAS guns shall be conducted on the Organic Finishing Line, in the Demonstration Factory operated by *CTC*. A drawing of the Apparatus Set-Up is shown in Appendix A and a drawing of the Equipment Testing Location is shown in Appendix B. Also, Section 2.1.2 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol provides a description of the Laboratory Facilities, which will provide testing and analysis support for this project.

#### **2.1.1 Demonstration Factory Testing Site**

*CTC* has been tasked under the National Defense Center for Environmental Excellence (NDCEE) Program to establish a demonstration factory capable of prototyping processes that will reduce or eliminate materials used or produced in manufacturing that are harmful to the environment. In order to speed the transition of environmentally friendly processes to the manufacturing base, *CTC* offers the ability to test processes and products on full-scale, commercial equipment. The coating equipment in the demonstration factory will be available for the testing in this project. Specifically, these include surface pretreatment, wet spray booths, and cure ovens. A layout of the *CTC* Demonstration Factory is shown in Figure 1 below.



**Figure 1. CTC Demonstration Factory Layout**

### 2.1.2 Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities available at CTC are described in Section 2.1.2 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

### 2.1.3 Statement of Project Objectives

The overall objective of the ETV CCEP is to verify pollution prevention characteristics and/or performance of coatings and coating equipment technologies, and to make the results of the verification tests available to prospective technology users. The ETV CCEP promotes the use of more environmentally friendly technologies in products finishing, thereby reducing emissions. The objective of this TQAPP is to establish the TE baseline for CAS guns, which will be used to determine the relative TE improvement of HVLP spray guns over CAS guns. Where possible, analysis methods used for these tests will follow those developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

The potential pollution prevention benefits of HVLP have encouraged regulators to require that end users only utilize equipment that is capable of meeting or exceeding the transfer efficiency of HVLP spray guns. HVLP was defined by the California South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1151 on June 13, 1997 as:

*Equipment used to apply coatings by means of a spray gun which is designed to be operated and which is operated between 0.1 and 10 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) air pressure measured dynamically at the center of the air cap and at the air horns.*

This definition does not take into account input pressure or finish quality. If HVLP spray guns are to be used as they were intended, it is advantageous to verify that the equipment can provide the end-user with an acceptable finish while operating the equipment as designed. Therefore, this project will assist in the verification that HVLP spray guns provide the user with an acceptable quality finish, while operating under the current definition of HVLP.

From information gained during the testing of HVLP spray guns, the end-users may better determine if a particular HVLP spray gun would provide them with a pollution prevention benefit while meeting the finish quality requirements of their application. The end-users must make an informed decision based on the best available data. This project intends to supply the end-users with the unbiased technical data to assist them in that decision making process.

The quantitative pollution prevention benefit in terms of improved TE depends on any of the innumerable factors that are unique to each coating production line. The task of verifying every possible combination of these factors is nearly impossible, and a test plan designed from a selection of these factors will provide data that is only representative of the exact conditions tested. However, in an effort to identify the existence of an environmental benefit, this project will conduct a test to determine a qualitative transfer efficiency comparison of HVLP spray guns with respect to a CAS baseline. The PPG DBC-4185 Conventional Air Spray Gun Baseline - Testing and Quality Assurance Project Plan (TQAPP) will establish the CAS baseline for PPG's DBC-4185 automotive basecoat coating. The CAS baseline will use three gravity feed CAS guns, an ITW DeVilbiss GFG-618, a Sharpe SGF98, and a Sata Jet90S.

## 2.2 Technical/Experimental Approach and Guidelines

The following tasks are planned for this project (see estimated schedule in Section 2.3, Table 5):

- Approval of TQAPP by *CTC* and EPA
- Conduct the baseline tests of the CAS guns
- Prepare and provide draft test report to EPA
- Prepare and provide final test report to EPA

Table 1 describes the general guidelines and procedures that will be applied to this TQAPP.

**Table 1. Overall Guidelines and Procedures Applied to this TQAPP**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A detailed description of each part of the test will be given. This will include a detailed Design of Experiments.</li><li>• Critical and Non-critical factors will be listed. Non-critical factors will be held constant throughout the testing. Critical factors will be listed as control (process) factors or response (coating product quality) factors (see Section 2.2.10).</li><li>• The TQAPP will identify the testing site.</li><li>• All testing will be under the control and close supervision of <i>CTC</i> representatives to ensure the integrity of the third party testing.</li><li>• The QA portions of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol will be strictly adhered to.</li><li>• A statistically significant number of samples will be analyzed for each critical response factor (see Table 4). Variances (or standard deviations) of each critical response factor will be reported for all results.</li></ul> |
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### 2.2.1 Test Approach

The following approach will be used for this TQAPP:

- The ETV CCEP will determine the performance parameters for the optimum performance of the CAS guns by using manufacturers' literature and preliminary testing
- ITW DeVilbiss will provide the coating for this CAS baseline
- Standard test panels will be obtained which will enable thorough testing of coating equipment performance
- A statistically valid test program that efficiently accomplishes the required objectives will be utilized

### 2.2.2 Standard Test Panel

The standard test panel to be used for all tests is shown in Appendix C (Standard Test Panel). It is a flat cold rolled steel panel from ACT Laboratories, Inc. The cold rolled steel meets SAE 1008 specifications. The test panel is 12 inches long, 4 inches wide and made of 22 gauge steel. The panel is received unpolished and untreated. It has a 1/4 inch hole punched in one end to suspend it from a hook. The standard test panels will be transported through the system on racks suspended from the overhead conveyor. A rack will hold up to eight test panels in a single row, as shown in Appendix A (Apparatus Set-up). The test panels will be fixtured on the rack to minimize movement during spraying. The fixturing consists of a flat bar that connects the hooks that will minimize side to side rotation of the panels and a second bar that prevents the bottom of the panels from moving away from the gun.

As a preparation for coating, the test panels will be shot blasted and receive a zinc phosphate pretreatment. The pretreatment portion of the Organic Finishing Line in the CTC Demonstration Factory is a staged operation. The standard test panels will receive an alkaline clean followed by a deionized (DI) water rinse. Then the zinc phosphate is applied followed by another DI water rinse. A non-chromate sealer is then applied followed by another DI water rinse. The pretreatment concludes with a dry-off stage. Prior to being coated, one random test panel per run will be removed for pretreatment analysis.

The standard test panels will be used for analyzing dry film thickness (DFT), gloss, visual appearance, and transfer efficiency (TE).

### 2.2.3 Coating Specification

The test coating provided by ITW DeVilbiss meets the following basic criteria:

- The substrate to be coated is SAE 1008 cold rolled steel
- The test panels are pretreated with zinc phosphate
- The test coating is be sprayable by both HVLP and CAS
- The VOC content of the test coating must meet 5.0 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating as part of a base coat-top coat system, the limit established by the U.S. EPA's National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer and Commercial Products, 40 CFR 59, Subpart B, Automobile Refinish Coatings, published September 11, 1998.

ITW DeVilbiss chose PPG DBC-4185 automotive basecoat as the coating to be used or the CAS baseline of the GTI-600G and the FLG-631-318 HVLP spray gun verification tests. The test coating data sheet is shown in Appendix D (Coatings and Coating Equipment Product Data Sheets). This coating has a VOC content, as applied, of less than 6.6 pounds per gallon. This coating would be compliant when combined with a topcoat with a VOC content less than 4.2 pounds per gallon, such as PPG DCU 2082 clear coat. The test coating was chosen because it is a common coating used in automotive refinishing.

ITW DeVilbiss supplied the ETV CCEP with twelve (12) gallons of the test coating to complete the HVLP verification test and the CAS baseline tests. The ETV CCEP will prepare the test coating prior to each run, based on the coating manufacturer's specifications. The exact coating preparation procedures will be recorded. For comparison, the test coating will be prepared using the same procedures for the HVLP test and all CAS tests. The amount of coating in the gravity cup should not fall below 2/3 of the volume of the cup to ensure consistent fluid delivery flow rates. Since the PPG DBC-4185 has a long pot life, a single batch will be mixed for each baseline test. The gun, gravity cup, and batch container will be weighed as a single system. The batch container will be kept closed unless refilling the gravity cup. The coating system will be weighed before and after each run to determine the amount of coating used during the run. Each batch will be mixed in the laboratory at 1:1 proportions of the PPG DBC-4185 base coat and the PPG DT885 reducer. For each baseline test, a total of 5.0L of coating will be mixed (2.5L of DBC-4185 to 2.5L of DT885). All three coats will be applied to each rack before moving onto the next rack. Before each rack is coated, the gravity cup will be refilled. The gravity cup will be refilled on the factory floor during each run. Between runs, final weight measurements will be made, coating samples will be taken, the gravity cups will be refilled, and initial weight

measurements will be made before reconnecting the gravity cup and gun to the apparatus. The coating will be applied to a dry film thickness of approximately 0.85 mils using 3 coats and 5 passes per coat, which reflects the results of the HVLP verification tests. The flash time between coats will be 3 minutes. After the final coat, the panels will be allowed to air dry for at least 2 hours. For the purposes of this test, finish quality should not be sacrificed to obtain the “best” TE value. The fan pattern at the target obtained for the HVLP spray guns will be the same for each of the CAS guns during the baseline tests. The distance to target and the spray gun pattern adjustment will be modified for each gun to obtain the same fan pattern.

#### **2.2.4 Standard Apparatus**

This TQAPP includes a standard apparatus set-up for the CAS baseline tests. Appendix A shows the position of the test panels with respect to the spray booth as part of the standard apparatus set-up, and Appendix B shows the testing location of the wet spray booths relative to the Organic Finishing Line. All testing will be performed in the same wet spray booth in the CTC Demonstration Factory.

The spray booth air filters will be changed prior to setting up the standard apparatus for each gun. The pressure drop across the filters will be checked prior to each run and at the end of the test. The pressure drop is monitored in the event that the filter bank system malfunctions. A pressure drop across the filter bank greater than 0.4 inches of water shall indicate that the system requires service. As a comparison, the spray booth air filter will also be changed before each HVLP gun is setup and tested as part of the TE baseline. This will ensure that the difference in the initial air booth velocity between the guns is minimized. The air booth velocity will be measured in close proximity to the panels. Although the air velocity through the booth exceeds 0.5 m/s (100 ft/min), the velocity measured near the panels will be lower due to the disruption of the air currents by the rack of panels.

The standard test panels will be suspended from racks, containing a single row of up to eight (8) panels per rack. The test panels will be transported to the spray booth by an overhead conveyor. A mechanical stop mechanism will align the racks of test panels in the proper position relative to the spraying mechanism. Once the racks are in position, the spraying mechanisms programmable logic controller (PLC) will activate the motors that drive the linear motion translators. The translators will move both horizontally and vertically. This set-up will be able to cover an area approximately 4.5 feet by 4.5 feet. The panels will be automatically

sprayed using vertical overlap of the spray pattern. The spraying mechanism's PLC will also control the triggering of the HVLP spray gun by way of a pneumatically actuated clamp. During dwell time between passes, paint flow will be interrupted to minimize paint usage. Once the coating application is complete, the mechanism's PLC will release the mechanical stop holding the rack so that the overhead conveyor can move the next rack into position.

The CAS guns will be held by a clamp, which is mounted on an arm that extends from the vertical translator's carrier plate. A pneumatic cylinder will draw back and release the trigger on command for the gravity feed CAS guns. The cylinder is also controlled by the translator's PLC. When measuring the weight loss for the gravity feed system, both the gun and the gravity cup will be disconnected from the set-up, weighed and refilled. The fluid connection between the gravity cup and gun will not be disconnected during this process.

### **2.2.5 Process Standards**

Standard test panels will be used for the verification test. The preparation of the test coating will be the same for the HVLP tests and all CAS baseline tests. The cure time and temperature for the test coating is listed in Table 3. The factory (ambient) conditions will be checked once each run both inside the spray booth near the rack of panels and outside the spray booth in the flash off area. Operating parameters will be held relatively constant throughout each test. The pretreatment will be the same for all standard test panels.

### **2.2.6 Design of Experiment**

This TQAPP will determine the performance characteristics of the CAS guns. A mean value and variance (or standard deviation) will be reported for each critical response factor. A confidence and specification limit of 95% will be applied to these tests.

One random test panel will be removed for pretreatment analysis from each run. During the pretreatment of the test panels, an additional rack of eight panels will be pretreated with each run of twenty-four panels. These additional panels will be used as set-up panels for the test and to fill in the blank space left on the racks due to the pretreatment analysis. Therefore, a run will coat twenty-three (23) standard test panels used for determining TE and finish quality and one (1) pretreated panel that will only be used in the calculation of TE. Before the test, set-up panels will be coated to



ensure that the equipment parameters are correct. The HVLP and CAS baseline tests will each consist of five (5) runs of three (3) racks of eight (8) standard test panels. This will enable both total and run-to-run variation to be determined for each response factor. The statistical analyses for all response factors will be carried out using a statistical software package.

The CAS guns will be operated using the standard apparatus set-up shown in Appendix A and the optimum equipment parameters that were determined by the ETV CCEP from manufacturers' recommendations and setup testing. Coatings and coating equipment manufacturers commonly use flat steel panels to evaluate performance characteristics. Therefore, for the sake of reproducing these evaluations, flat steel panels will be used in this TQAPP. Coated standard test panels will be analyzed for DFT, gloss, TE, and visual appearance. For the TE analysis, the weight of all panels will be measured before being coated and again after being cured. The standard test panels will be suspended from hooks and automatically coated using an overlap of the spray pattern. The racks will contain fixturing to minimize the movement of the test panels. The fixturing will consist of a flat bar placed on the hooks, immediately behind the test panels, which will minimize the side-to-side rocking motion. Also, a second bar will be attached to the rack near the bottom of the panels, which will prevent movement away from the gun.

### **2.2.7 Performance Testing**

The ETV CCEP will consult the manufacturers' recommendations for key non-critical factors to be used for testing, including the coating specifications for gloss, VOC content, etc. Recommended equipment settings for the coating, such as input air pressure, gun traverse speed, paint flash/dwell time, etc., will be obtained from manufacturer's literature. The ETV CCEP will then test these conditions prior to starting each CAS test. These conditions may be modified to ensure proper gun performance. During the actual test, no attempt will be made to optimize the equipment.

Standard test panels will be used to measure equipment performance. The test panels will be used for DFT, gloss, TE and visual appearance analyses. The coating characteristics may be affected by other parameters of the testing process, such as pretreatment, apparatus set-up, and clean-up methods. Non-critical control factors will be monitored or held relatively constant for the CAS tests. DFT measurements will be used to determine the variations in film thickness. Gloss tests will be used to analyze the quality of the coating finish. TE measurements will be used to determine the qualitative comparison between the CAS baseline and the HVLP spray

guns tested with PPG DBC-4185 automotive basecoat. The TE test will follow Procedure A of ASTM D 5286, with the following exception, the weight measurements will not be performed at the paint booth. Instead, the minimum necessary equipment, the gun and gravity cup, will be disconnected from the set-up and transported to a calibrated laboratory balance. The visual appearance analysis will identify any abnormalities in the applied coating. The visual appearance analysis will use normal lighting to examine the surface of the painted panel. The panels will be examined for fish-eyes in the finish, the presence of orange peel, the evenness of the coating, and the difference in the visual gloss caused by sandpaper finish, drips, runs, and inclusions (such as dirt, fuzz, fibers, etc.). A comparison will be made from panel to panel, rack to rack, and run to run.

### **2.2.8 Quantitative Measurements**

In order to evaluate the finish quality obtained by the coating equipment tested, several measurements will be taken from the coated test specimens such as DFT, gloss, and visual appearance.

By measuring DFT at several specified locations on the standard test panel, the uniformity of the applied coating can be determined. Measurement sites will be at nine locations on the coated surface of five random standard test panels per run. Appendix C displays the test panel with the measurement locations and numbered test sites. This gives a total of 45 DFT sites per run. These sites will be numbered and measurements will be taken accordingly. The measurements will be recorded and can be correlated to a specific site on each standard test panel for each test. The thickness measurement data will be used to evaluate not only the mean thickness across the test panel, but also the variation of the thickness and differences in the edge and central portions of the test panel.

The ETV CCEP will evaluate if there is a potential environmental benefit for switching from CAS to HVLP spray guns. Therefore, TE values will be quantitatively measured for the CAS guns. The TE values will then be qualitatively compared to the results of subsequent HVLP spray gun verification tests. The CAS baseline will use nearly identical test conditions as the HVLP test. These conditions include the same target dry film thickness, the same coating prepared to the same viscosity, similar ambient conditions, the same number of test runs, the same application pattern and the same curing procedures. The differences between the tests will be the gun itself, the atomizing air pressure, and the gun traverse speed. The CAS baseline will consist of three gravity feed guns. The CAS baseline tests will use identical procedures for preparing the test coating. The CAS baseline tests will also meet the same coating finish requirements established for the HVLP test, except DOI. A qualitative comparison will then be made to determine if HVLP spray guns have a potentially higher TE than CAS guns.

### **2.2.9 Participation**

The Demonstration Factory at CTC provides a unique capability for demonstrating and evaluating full-scale manufacturing process applications. Full-scale processing and testing can be carried out on any of the process technologies within the Demonstration Factory without concern for the many problems associated with trying to do these same tests on manufacturing lines. Because of this existing capability, these tests will be performed at the Demonstration Factory. The ETV CCEP

personnel will be responsible for performing all necessary tests and demonstrations required for performance evaluation and full-scale validation.

#### **2.2.10 Critical and Non-Critical Factors**

For the purposes of this TQAPP, the following definitions will be used for critical control factors, non-critical control factors, and critical response factors. A critical control factor is a factor that is varied in a controlled manner within the design of experiments matrix to determine its effect on a particular outcome of a system. Non-critical control factors are all the factors that are to be held relatively constant or randomized throughout the testing for each specific piece of equipment (some non-critical factors may vary from equipment to equipment). Critical response factors are the measured outcomes of each combination of critical and non-critical control factors given in the design of experiments.

In this context, the term “critical” does not convey the importance of a particular factor (that can only be determined through experimentation and characterization of the total process), but its relationship within the design of experiments. In the case of the verification testing of a particular piece of coating equipment, there is only one critical control factor, and that is the piece of coating equipment itself. All other processing factors will be held relatively constant (or randomized) and are non-critical control factors. Therefore, the multiple runs and sample measurements within each run for each critical response factor will be used to determine the amount of variation expected for each critical control factor (spray gun).

For this project, the critical control factors, non-critical control factors, and critical response factors are identified in table format along with acceptance criteria (where appropriate), data quality indicators, measurement locations, and measurement frequencies, broken down by each run. For example, parameters associated with metal surface pretreatment will remain constant and thus be non-critical control factors, while a parameter such as gloss is identified as a critical response factor.

For this TQAPP, the only critical control factors are the CAS guns (see Table 2). The recommended optimum air input pressure, gun traverse speed, etc. for the CAS guns are shown in Table 3. The critical response factors to be measured are shown in Table 4. The time will be recorded with each measurement of the critical response and non-critical control factors.

The measurements for coating temperature and viscosity, and the samples used for coating density, VOC content and percent solids, will be taken immediately before the coating is transferred to the gravity cup. The CTC work instructions for these measurements are found in Appendix F

The DFT measurements will follow ASTM B 499 (Magnetic). Thickness measurements will be taken on the standard test panel as shown in Appendix C. Measurements using the magnetic method will be done on each standard test panel coated. From this data an overall DFT and a DFT variation across the standard test panel will be reported. The purpose of this comparison is to verify that a uniform DFT has been applied to the standard test panels.

The TE test will follow ASTM D 5286, except that the gun and gravity cup will be disconnected from the apparatus set-up and transported to the lab for the weight measurements. A TE value will be determined for each run and on a run-to-run basis.

The values in the Total Number column reflect the experimental design of coating twenty-four (24) standard test panels in each of five (5) runs.

**Table 2. Critical Control Factors**

Critical Control Factor	Fluid Tip/ Nozzle	Fluid Needle	Air Cap/ Nozzle	Gravity Cup Size	Fan Adjustme nt	Fluid Adjustment	Fan Pattern at the panels
CAS Gun #1 DeVilbiss GFG-618	FW-1.6mm (0.063 in.)	FF	#9000	1.0 liter	2 1/2 turns out	Full open	Ellipse, 23cm high
CAS Gun #2 Sharpe SGF98	1.4mm (0.055 in.)	#45N	#GP	0.550 liters	1 1/2 turns out	Full open	Ellipse, 23cm high
CAS Gun #3 Sata Jet90S*	1.4mm (0.055 in.)	#1490	#1.4-90	1.0 liter	120° out	4 turns + 340° out	Ellipse, 23cm high

\* - The "air micrometer" on the Sata Jet90S is set at Full Open

**Table 3. Non-Critical Control Factors**

Non-Critical Factor	Set Points/ Acceptance Criteria	Measurement Location	Frequency	Total Number for Each Test
Dynamic Input Air Pressure CAS Gun #1 CAS Gun #2 CAS Gun #3	58 psig 57 psig 66 psig	Factory floor	Continuous	N/A
Products involved in Testing	Standard Test Panels	N/A	24 Standard Test Panels per run	120 Standard Test Panels
Zinc Phosphate Pretreatment Weight	2.1 - 2.7 g/m <sup>2</sup>	Random panel removed prior to the spray booth	1 Standard Test Panel per run	5
Surface Area of Each Panel Coated	303-316 cm <sup>2</sup> (47-49 in <sup>2</sup> )	Top and right edge of panel	1 Standard Test Panel per test	1
Ambient Factory Relative Humidity	< 60% RH	Factory floor	Continuous	N/A
Ambient Factory Temperature	21.1 – 26.7°C	Factory floor	Continuous	N/A
Spray Booth Relative Humidity	< 60% RH	Inside the wet spray booth	Once each run	5
Spray Booth Temperature	21.1 – 26.7°C	Inside the wet spray booth	Once each run	5
Spray Booth Air Velocity	0.2-0.5 m/s (40-100 ft/min)	Factory floor	Once per test	1
Distance to Panels CAS Gun #1 CAS Gun #2 CAS Gun #3	20.3cm (8 in.) for all CAS guns	Factory floor	Once per test	1
Temperature of Panels, as Coated	21.1 – 26.7°C	Factory floor	Once per run	5
Horizontal Gun Traverse Speed CAS Gun #1 CAS Gun #2 CAS Gun #3	81.3cm/s (32in./s) 45.7cm/s (18in./s) 58.4cm/s (23in./s)	Factory floor	Once per test	1
Vertical Drop Between Passes	7.4-7.9 cm (2.9-3.1 in.)	Factory floor	Once per test	1
Dwell Time Between Passes	4-6 sec	Factory floor	Once per test	1
VOC Content of Applied Coating	719-791 g/l (6.0-6.6 lb./gal)	Sample from batch container	1 sample each run	5
Density of Applied Coating	911-1031 g/l (7.6-8.6 lb./gal)	Sample from batch container	1 sample each run	5
Wt.% Solids of Applied Coating	25-32%	Sample from batch container	1 sample each run	5
Coating Temperature, as Applied	21.1 – 26.7°C	Sample from batch container	1 sample each run	5
Coating Viscosity, as Applied	30-38 sec (#2 Ford Cup)	Sample from batch container	Before and after run	10
Ambient Cure Time	2 hours	Factory floor	Once each run	5

**Table 4. Critical Response Factors<sup>†</sup>**

Critical Response Factor	Measurement Location	Frequency	Total Number for Each Test
Overall Dry Film Thickness (Magnetic methods)	9 points in a lattice pattern on each coated face of the Standard Test panel	9 points on each of 5 Standard Test Panels per run, 5 runs	225
Dry Film Thickness Variation	Calculated from magnetic dry film thickness data	Variation on individual panels and variation from run to run	N/A
Gloss	from ASTM D 523	3 points on each of 5 Standard Test Panels per run, 5 runs	75
Visual Appearance	Entire test panel and entire rack	1 per Panel and 1 per run	125
Transfer Efficiency (TE)	from ASTM D 5286	Once per run	5

<sup>†</sup> See Sections 2.1.3 and 2.2 for the environmental basis on which these factors relate.

Other factors used to test the Conventional Air spray gun include:

- Equipment Preparation                      See attached Product Data Sheet
- Flash Time Between Coats                3 minutes
- Number of passes                            5 passes
- Spray Pattern                                Ellipse, 23cm high at the panel
- Target Dry Film Thickness                0.7-1.0 mils in 3 coats

## 2.3 Schedule

CTC uses standard tools for project scheduling. Project schedules are prepared in Microsoft Project, which is an accepted industry standard for scheduling. Project schedules show the complete work breakdown structure (WBS) of the project, including technical work, meetings and deliverables. Table 5 shows the estimated schedule for the testing of the CAS guns.

**Table 5. Estimated Schedule as of 2/10/99**

ID	Name	Duration	Start Date	Finish Date
Task 1	Verification Test	5d	TBD	TBD
Task 2	Prepare Verification Report	30d	TBD	TBD
Task 3	Approval of Verification Report	60d	TBD	TBD

### 3.0 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Project organization and responsibilities, a summary of ETV CCEP personnel experience, and the frequency and mechanisms of communications are detailed in Section 3.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

Project organization and responsibilities and a summary of ETV CCEP personnel experience is shown below in Table 6.

**Table 6. Summary of ETV CCEP Experience and Responsibilities**

Key CTC Personnel and Roles	Responsibilities	Applicable Experience	Education	Time Dedication for Phase
Dave Roberts NDCEE Program Manager	Directs NDCEE Program. Accountable to CTC Technical Services Director and CTC Corporate Management.		BS Mechanical Engineering	5%
Brian Schweitzer Technical Project Manager	Responsible for overall ETV CCEP technical aspects, budget, and schedule issues on daily basis. Accountable to NDCEE Program Manager.	Process Engineer (9 years) Project Manager, Organic Finishing (4 years)	BS Mechanical Engineering	50%
Jack Molchany QA Officer	Responsible for overall project QA. Accountable to NDCEE Program Manager	QA/QC and Industrial Operations (10 years) Quality Management and ISO 9000 (4 years) Environmental Compliance and ISO 14000 Management Systems (4 years)	BS Industrial Engineering	5%
Rob Fisher Staff Process Engineer/ Technical Project Leader	Technical project support. Process design & development. Accountable to Project Manager.	Organic Finishing Regulations (5 years)	BS Chemical Engineering	50%
Melissa Klingenberg Staff Process Engineer/ Technical Project Leader	Technical project support. Process design & development. Accountable to Project Manager.	Process Engineer, Inorganic Finishing (5 years) Organic Finishing (1 year)	BS Chemistry/ Biology M.S. MSEP	50%
Herb Ashley Finishing Engineer/ Factory Operations Lead	Oversees day-to-day operation of Organic Finishing Line. Provides technical project support. Accountable to Project Manager.	Organic Finishing Experience (26 years)		10%
Stephen Kendera Sr. Organic Finishing Technician	Performs day-to-day operations of the Organic Finishing Line. Accountable to Finishing Engineer	Industrial Paint and Coatings Experience (25 years)		10%
Fred Mulkey Manager, Laboratory Operations	Project TQAPPs. Coordinates testing lab and technical data review. Accountable to Project Manager, NDCEE Program Manager.	Laboratory Chemist and Manager Project Quality Assurance Project Management (10 years)	MS Chemistry, BS Chemistry	5%
Tammy Powers Associate Laboratory Leader	Laboratory analysis Accountable to Lab Manager	Environmental and Municipal Laboratory Testing (7 years)	BS Biology	10%
Lynn Summerson Laboratory Leader	Laboratory analysis Accountable to Lab Manager	Industrial and Environmental Laboratory Testing (17 years)	MS Chemistry	20%
Brian Albright Assistant Lab Analyst/ Pretreatment Operator	QC Analysis Accountable to Lab Manager	Environmental and QC Testing (3 years)	BS Chemistry	10%



In addition, the following individuals will have certain responsibilities during the testing phase:

**Table 7. Responsibilities of Key ETV CCEP Personnel**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Project Manager	Overall coordination of personnel and budget
QA Officer	Internal audits of process operations and lab analyses
Lab Manager	Oversight and coordination of laboratory analyses
Task Leader	Overall coordination of testing activities and personnel roles
Finishing Technician	Process set-up and operation of tests
Lab Analyst	Process measurements and lab analyses

## **4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) OBJECTIVES**

### **4.1 General Objectives**

The overall objective of this TQAPP is to establish the baseline performance of the CAS guns. This objective will be met by controlling and monitoring the critical and non-critical factors, which are the specific QA objectives for this TQAPP. Tables 2 and 3 list the critical and non-critical control factors, respectively. Results from these tests will then be qualitatively compared to subsequent HVLP verification tests.

The analytical methods that will be used for coating evaluations are adapted from ASTM Standards, or equivalent. The QA objectives of the project and the capabilities of these test methods for product and process inspection and evaluation are synonymous since the methods were specifically designed for evaluation of the coating properties under investigation. The methods will be used as published, or as supplied, without major deviations unless noted otherwise. The specific methods to be used for this project are attached to this document as Appendix E (ASTM Methods).

### **4.2 Quantitative Quality Assurance Objectives**

Quality assurance parameters such as precision and accuracy are presented in Tables 8 and 9. Table 8 presents the manufacturers' stated capabilities of the equipment used for measurement of non-critical control factors. The precision and accuracy parameters listed are relative to the true value that the equipment measures. Table 9 presents the precision and accuracy parameters for the critical response factors. The precision and accuracy are determined using duplicate analysis and known standards and/or spikes and must fall within the values found in the specific methods expressed.

The statistical support engineer, QA Officer, and laboratory personnel will coordinate efforts to determine the manner in which test results and QA objectives will be interpreted in a statistical sense.

**Table 8. QA Objectives for Precision, Accuracy and Completeness for All Non-Critical Control Factor Performance Analyses**

Measurement	Method	Units	Precision	Accuracy	Completeness
Input Air Pressure	Pressure gauge	psig	±0.2	±5%	90%
Products involved in Testing	Standard Test Panels	# of panels	±0	±0%	100%
Zinc Phosphate Pretreatment Weight	ASTM B 767	g/m <sup>2</sup>	±0.005	±0.01	90%
Surface Area of Each Panel Coated	Ruler	cm <sup>2</sup> /panel	±0.025	±0.025	90%
Ambient Factory Relative Humidity	Thermal Hygrometer	RH	±3% of full scale	±3% of full scale	90%
Ambient Factory Temperature	Thermal Hygrometer	°C	±3% of full scale	±3% of full scale	90%
Spray Booth Relative Humidity	Thermal Hygrometer	RH	±3% of full scale	±3% of full scale	90%
Spray Booth Temperature	Thermal Hygrometer	°C	±3% of full scale	±3% of full scale	90%
Spray Booth Air Velocity	per ACGIH*	m/s (ft/min)	±0.03 (+5)	±0.03 (+5)	90%
Distance to Panels	Ruler	cm	±0.16	±0.16	90%
Temperature of Panels, as Coated	IR Thermometer	°C	±0.5%	±1.0%	90%
Horizontal Gun Traverse Speed	Stopwatch	seconds	±0.001%	±0.001%	90%
Vertical Drop Between Passes	Ruler	cm	±0.16	±0.16	90%
Dwell Time Between Passes	Stopwatch	seconds	±0.001%	±0.001%	90%
VOC Content of Applied Coating	ASTM D 3960	g/ℓ	±0.6%	±1.8%	90%
Density of Applied Coating	ASTM D 1475	g/ℓ	±0.6%	±1.8%	90%
% Solids of Applied Coating	ASTM D 2369	%	±1.5%	±4.7%	90%
Coating Temperature, as Applied	Thermometer	°C	±0.5	±0.2	90%
Coating Viscosity, as Applied	ASTM D 1200	seconds	±10%	±10%	90%
Cure Time	Stopwatch	hrs.	±0.001%	±0.001%	90%

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.

\* Accuracy and Precision stated by the manufacturer for velocities ranging from 20-100 ft/min

**Table 9. QA Objectives for Precision, Accuracy and Completeness for All Critical Response Factor Performance Analyses**

Measurement	Method	Units	Precision	Accuracy	Completeness
Dry Film Thickness (DFT) -- Magnetic	ASTM B 499	mils <sup>(1)</sup>	20%	10% true thickness	90%
DFT Variation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gloss	ASTM D 523	gloss units	20%	±0.3 gloss units	90%
Visual Appearance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer Efficiency (TE)	ASTM D 5286 Test Method A	%	25% <sup>(2)</sup>	rsd ≤ 20% <sup>(2,3)</sup>	90%

(1) 1 mil = 0.001 inch

(2) Unknown according to ASTM D 5286

(3) rsd = relative standard deviation

N/A = Not Applicable

#### 4.2.1 Accuracy

Standard reference materials, traceable to national sources such as the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) for instrument calibration and periodic calibration verification, will be procured and utilized where such materials are available and applicable to this project. For reference calibration materials with certified values, acceptable accuracy for calibration verification will be within the specific guidelines provided in the method if verification limits are given. Otherwise, 80-120 percent of the true reference values will be used (see Tables 8 and 9). Reference materials will be evaluated using the same methods as for the actual test specimens. Calculations for precision, accuracy, etc. are contained in the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

#### **4.2.2 Precision**

The experimental approach of this TQAPP specifies the exact number of test panels to be coated. The analysis of replicate test panels for each coating property at each of the experimental conditions will occur by design. The degree of precision will be assessed based on the agreement of all replicates within a property analysis group.

#### **4.2.3 Completeness**

The laboratory strives for at least 90 percent completeness. Completeness is defined as the number of valid determinations expressed as a percentage of the total number of analyses conducted, by analysis type.

#### **4.2.4 Impact and Statistical Significance Quality Objectives**

All laboratory analyses will meet the accuracy and completeness requirements specified in Tables 8 and 9. The precision requirements also should be achieved; however, a non-conformance may result from the analysis of replicates due to limitations of the coating technology under evaluation, and not due to processing equipment or laboratory error. Regardless, if any non-conformance from TQAPP QA objectives occurs, the cause of the deviation will be determined by checking calculations, verifying the test and measurement equipment, and re-analysis. If an error in analysis is discovered, re-analysis of a new batch for a given run will be considered and the impact to overall project objectives determined. If the deviation persists despite all corrective action steps, the data will be flagged as not meeting the specific quality criteria and a written discussion will be generated.

If all analytical conditions are within control limits and instrument and/or measurement system accuracy checks are valid, the nature of any non-conformance may be beyond the control of the laboratory. If, given that laboratory quality control data are within specification, any non-conforming results occur, the results will be interpreted as the inability of the coating equipment undergoing testing to produce parts meeting the performance criteria at the given set of experimental conditions.

## **4.3 Qualitative QA Objectives: Comparability and Representativeness**

### **4.3.1 Comparability**

The CAS guns will be operated at the optimum conditions recommended by the manufacturer. The data obtained will be comparable from the standpoint that the TE data from the CAS baseline can be compared to a reasonable significance with subsequent HVLP data. In addition, other programs could reproduce similar results using this technology specific TQAPP. Coating and environmental performance will be evaluated using EPA, ASTM and other nationally or industry wide accepted testing procedures as noted in previous sections of this TQAPP. Process performance factors will be generated and evaluated according to standard best engineering practices.

Standard test panels used in these tests will be compared to the performance data and to other applicable end-user and industry specifications. The specifications will be used to verify the performance of the CAS guns. Additional assurance of comparability comes from the routine use of precision and accuracy indicators as described above, the use of standardized and accepted methods and the traceability of reference materials.

### **4.3.2 Representativeness**

The limiting factor to representativeness is the availability of a large sample population. An experimental design has been developed so that this project will either have sufficiently large sample populations per run or otherwise statistically significant fractional populations. The runs will be conducted at optimum conditions based on the manufacturers' and the paint suppliers' literature and verified by set-up testing. If the test data meets the quantitative QA criteria (precision, accuracy, and completeness) then the samples will be considered representative of the CAS guns and will be used for interpreting the outcomes relative to the specific project objectives.

## **4.4 Other QA Objectives**

There are no other QA objectives as part of this evaluation.

## **4.5 Impact of Quality**

Due to the highly controllable nature of the test panel evaluation methods and predictability of factors affecting the quality of the laboratory testing of panels, the quality control of test panel qualifications is expected to fall within acceptable levels. Comparison of response factors will be checked for run to run process variations.

## **5.0 SITE SELECTION AND SAMPLING PROCEDURES**

### **5.1 Site Selection**

This project will be executed at *CTC*, in Johnstown, Pa., and *CTC* personnel will perform all processing and testing. The site for application and evaluation will be at the *CTC* Demonstration Factory in the Environmental Technology Facility (ETF) under the direct control of the Engineering and Statistical Support and Organic Finishing Line Groups. The *CTC* Testing Laboratory will perform analyses in the ETF Environmental Laboratory. Application of the coating involves transporting test panels via an automatic conveyor through the Organic Finishing Line. The test panels will be pretreated within the seven-stage pretreatment process in the Organic Finishing Line and then painted in the first of the two wet spray booths. Test panels will be evaluated after curing and cooling.

The experimental design involves applying a coating according to verified optimum conditions. The test panels will be sampled and analyzed to generate performance data.

### **5.2 Site Description**

Figure 1, in Section 2.1.1, illustrates the overall layout of the Demonstration Factory and the location of the process equipment that will be used for this project. This project involves the use of the pretreatment process with an associated dry-off oven, a wet spray booth, and the wet cure oven.

### **5.3 Sampling Procedures and Handling**

Standard test panels will be used in this project. These will be pre-labeled by stamping them with a unique alphanumeric identifier. The experimental design uses 120 samples for the TE test (5 runs with 3 racks per run and 8 panels per rack).

A factory operations technician and laboratory analysts will process the test panels according to a pre-planned sequence of stages, which includes:



**Table 10. Responsibilities of ETV CCEP Personnel During the Tests**

Procedure	Operations Technician	Laboratory Analyst
Numbering of the Panels		X
Shot-Blast the Panels	X	
Pretreatment Panels with zinc phosphate		X
Initial Weight of Panels		X
Remove 1 Panel/Run for Pretreatment Analysis		X
Arrange Panels on the Racks		X
Prepare the Coating	X	X
Setup the CAS Gun	X	
Take Coating Samples and Measurements		X
Load Coating in the Gravity Cup & Prime Gun	X	
Perform Setup Trials (before first run only)	X	
Initial Weight of Gun and Gravity Cup	X	X
Apply Coating to the Panels	X	
Take Process Measurements		X
Cure the Panels	X	
Wrap and Stack Panels for Transfer to the Lab	X	

A laboratory analyst will record the date and time of each run and the time each measurement was taken. When the panels are removed from the racks, they will be separated by a layer of packing material, and stacked for transport to the laboratory. The laboratory analyst will process the test panels through the laboratory login prior to performing the required analyses.

#### **5.4 Sample Custody, Storage and Identification**

The test panels will be delivered to the laboratory for login and given a unique laboratory ID number. The analyst delivering the test panels will complete a custody log indicating the sampling point IDs, sample material IDs, quantity of samples, time, date and analyst's initials. The product evaluation tests also will be noted on the custody log. The laboratory's sample custodian will verify this information. Both personnel will sign the custody log to indicate transfer of the samples from the coating processing area to the laboratory analysis area. The laboratory sample custodian will log the test panels into a bound record book; store the test panels under appropriate conditions (ambient room temperature and humidity); and create a work order for the various laboratory departments to initiate testing. Testing will begin within several days of coating application.

## **6.0 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES AND CALIBRATION**

Information regarding facility and laboratory testing and calibration procedures, product quality procedures, standard operating procedures for calibrations, and non-standard methods that will be used for this project can be found in Section 6.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

### **Process Measurements**

Four solutions (the remaining three are water rinses) in the zinc phosphate pretreatment line are titrated to determine if the chemical concentrations are within the specified ranges. Chemicals are added, if necessary. After the panels are pretreated, one random panel per run is taken to the lab for weight analysis of the zinc phosphate coating.

After the paint is mixed, the temperature and viscosity of the coating is measured. In addition, coating samples are taken to the lab for density, VOC content and percent solids analyses.

The ambient temperature and relative humidity is measured both inside and outside the spray booth. Also, the temperature of the panels is measured prior to starting each test run.

*All equipment used in the above analyses are calibrated according to Table 11 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.*

### **Finish Quality**

The ASTM Methods and CTC work instructions for dry film thickness, gloss and transfer efficiency can be found in Appendices E and F.

*The equipment used for these analyses are calibrated according to Table 12 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.*

## 7.0 DATA REDUCTION, VALIDATION, AND REPORTING

Information pertaining to raw data handling, preliminary data package validation, final data validation, data reporting and archival, and the Verification Statement can be found in Section 7.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

The method for calculating %TE has been redefined (per ASTM 767) to consider the TE per panel. By this method, the formula is as follows:

$$\text{TE (\%)} = \frac{(\text{average weight gain of panels in run}) \times 100}{(\text{weight of paint sprayed}/24)}$$

An example calculation is included below:

$$\text{TE (\%)} = \frac{1.1 \text{ g} \times 100}{52.8 \text{ g}/24}$$

$$\text{TE (\%)} = \frac{110 \text{ g}}{2.2 \text{ g}}$$

$$\text{TE (\%)} = 50$$

## **8.0 INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS**

Information pertaining to *CTC's* internal quality program, types of QA checks performed, and a summary of basic and specific QA checks to be performed can be found in Section 8.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

In addition to the information found in the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol, the following specific QC/QA checks will be performed during this test.

Internal QA audits will be performed of the testing and laboratory analyses by the ETV CCEP's QA Officer, who is independent of the project's manager. These audits will check that processes are completed per the approved written documentation, both internal and external. The QA audits will also check that the laboratory data is handled properly.

The QC checks that are performed by the laboratory personnel may include analyzing uncoated panels for dry film thickness to verify that the instrument has not drifted from zero, performing duplicate analyses on the same samples, and performing calibration checks of the laboratory equipment. The calibration checks generally consist of calibrating the equipment (if applicable), checking the calibration against a secondary standard, analyzing samples, rechecking the calibration, analyzing more samples, etc. The calibration is also checked against the secondary standard at the completion of an analysis series. If at any time the equipment falls out of calibration, all samples analyzed since the last good calibration check will be re-analyzed after the equipment is re-calibrated.

## **9.0 PERFORMANCE AND SYSTEM AUDITS**

Information pertaining to the performance and system audits to be performed can be found in Section 9.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

## **10.0 CALCULATION OF DATA QUALITY INDICATORS**

Information pertaining to the calculation of data quality indicators such as precision, accuracy, completeness and other project specific indicators can be found in Section 10.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

## **11.0 CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Information pertaining to routine and non-routine corrective actions that may be required during this project can be found in Section 11.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.

## **12.0 QUALITY CONTROL REPORTS TO MANAGEMENT**

Information pertaining to the quality control reports that the ETV CCEP will deliver to Program Management can be found in Section 12.0 of the Generic HVLP Equipment Protocol.



## **REFERENCES**

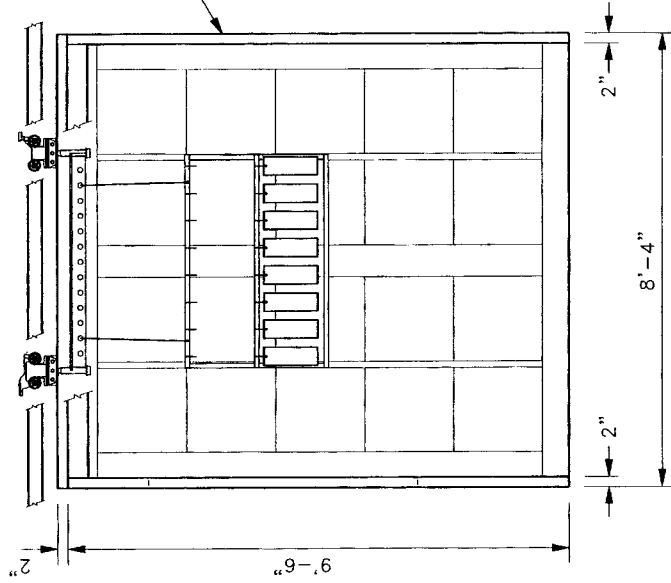
There are no technology specific references for this TQAPP.



## **APPENDIX A**

### Apparatus Set-Up

# ELEVATION VIEW - LIQUID SPRAY BOOTH WITH TEST PRODUCT



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## **APPENDIX B**

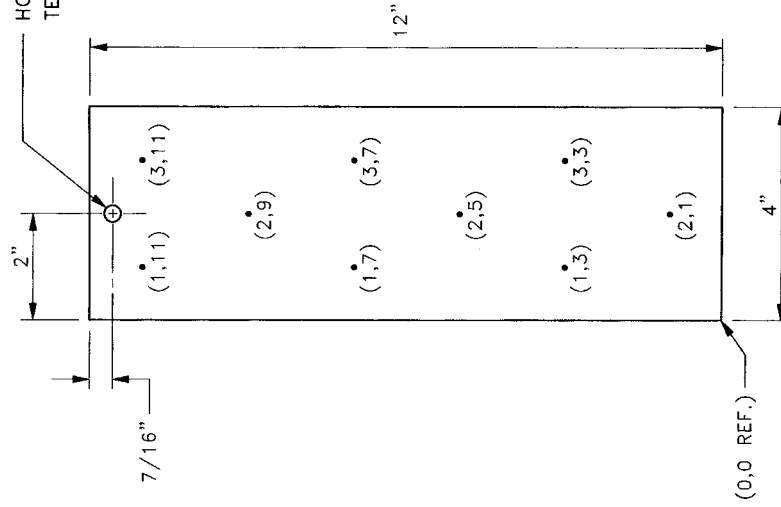
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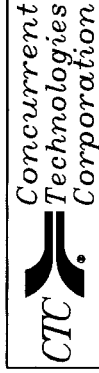
## **APPENDIX C**

### **Standard Test Panel**

HOLE FOR HANGING  
TEST PRODUCT (5/16" DIA.)



TEST POINTS ARE INDICATED BY THEIR POSITION RELATIVE TO THE BOTTOM LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE PANEL. (ALL VALUES ARE IN INCHES).



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## **APPENDIX D**

### **Coatings and Coating Equipment Product Data Sheets**



## **APPENDIX E**

### ASTM Methods



## ASTM Methods

- ASTM B 499 -- Standard Test Method for Measurement of Coating Thicknesses by the Magnetic Method: Nonmagnetic Coatings on Magnetic Basis Metals
- ASTM D 523 -- Standard Test Method for Specular Gloss
- ASTM B 767 -- Standard Guide for Determining Mass per Unit Area of Electrodeposited and Related Coatings by Gravimetric and other Chemical Analysis Procedures
- ASTM D 1200 -- Standard Test Method for Viscosity by Ford Viscosity Cup
- ASTM D 1475 -- Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products
- ASTM D 2369 -- Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings
- ASTM D 3960 -- Standard Practice for Determining Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Content of Paints and Related Coatings
- ASTM D 5286 -- Standard Test Methods for Determination of Transfer Efficiency Under General Production Conditions for Spray Application of Paints



## **APPENDIX F**

### *CTC Work Instructions*





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